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New Library of Congress Traveling Exhibit Will Open in California on July 1

"Autochromes: Color Photography Comes of Age," a display of some of the earliest color photographic images made, will have its premiere showing as a new Library of Congress traveling exhibition starting July 1 at the Art Museum & Galleries of California State University at Long Beach. The show, which will travel across the United States and to Canada, is scheduled for bookings in Mobile, Ala.; Daytona Beach, Fla.; Kansas City, Mo.; New York City; Dayton, Ohio; Norman Okla.; and Calgary, Alberta.

The 75 Autochrome prints in the show date from 1907 to the mid-1930s and were all produced by the Autochrome process developed at the turn of the century by French brothers Auguste and Louis Lumière. The photographs in the exhibit were assembed and printed in Switzerland by Ilford, Inc., using original Autochrome plates from the Arnold Genthe collection of the Library of Congress, the Ilford-Lumière and Ilford-Jasienski collections, and the archives of the National Geographic and Royal Photographic Societies.

Autochromes evolved from the first successful process for color photography to become commercially available. After earlier unsuccessful efforts by other inventors, Louis Lumière announced in a paper delivered to the French Academy of Sciences in 1904 his new process, which used fine grains of potato starch fixed upon a single glass plate. By 1913, the Lumière factory was producing 6,000 Autochrome plates a day, each 9- by 12-inch plate covered with some 75 million grains of starch. The introduction of these glass plates led to the quick adoption of the process by both amateur and professional photographers on both sides of the Atlantic. The process was widely used until the development of more convenient color films.

The Autochromes in the exhibit range in subject matter from the tranquil domestic scenes photographed by Lumière himself to portraits and landscapes by a number of different photographers. Romantic portraits of mysterious women, still lifes of fruit, views of

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Helen Cooke Wilson (ca. 1908) in a California Poppy Field, by Arnold Genthe. From the collections of the Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress.

European cities, and the first underwater color photographs all bear witness to the enthusiasm and curiosity that met the Lumières' milestone discovery.

"Autochromes: Color Photography Comes of Age," which was on display at the Library of Congress in 1980 and part of 1981, will be on view at Long Beach until August 24. It will open at the Gallery of Fine Arts, Daytona Beach (Fla.) Community College, on September 14.

News Briefly Noted

Ecuadorean Embassy Presents Works

On behalf of the vice president of Ecuador, the cultural attaché of the Ecuadorean Embassy, Piedad de Suro, presented three books to the Library of Congress on May 19. One of the titles was the English translation of President Osvaldo Hurtado's *Political Power in Ecuador* by Nick D. Mills (Albuquerque, University of New Mexico Press, 1980). A second work was *Heredarás un mar que no conoces y lenguas que no sabes* by Alfonso Barrera Valverde (Madrid, Novelas y Cuentos, E.M.E. S.A., 1978). Mr. Barrera Valverde is the minister of foreign relations of Ecuador and a poet and novelist. The third title presented by Mrs. Suro was *The Truth About the Border Controversy Between Ecuador and Peru* (Quito, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1981).

Receiving the gift for the Library were William E. Carter, chief of the Hispanic Division; Peter de la Garza, head of the Hispanic Acquisitions Project, Exchange and Gift Division; and Georgette M. Dorn, head of reference, Hispanic Division. The titles have been added to the Library's collections.

Archivists Confer at LC

Robert M. Warner and Edward Weldon, Archivist and Deputy Archivist of the United States, were guests at a luncheon meeting at the Library on May 13 with Deputy Librarian of Congress William J. Welsh and members of the staff. Dr. Warner, who became Archivist last July, visited the Library last November (see the LC *Information Bulletin* for January 9, p. 6) and expressed interest in cooperation between the National Archives and the Library of Congress on matters of mutual concern. Dr. Weldon became Deputy Archivist on September 22, 1980, was New York State Archivist from 1975 until his appointment, and previously served in various capacities at the National Archives and Records Service.

At the lunchon meeting, Dr. Warner commented on the ongoing reassessment at the National Archives of costs and benefits of microfilm as a primary preservation method as ordered by Congress. The group discussed alternative preservation methods, the Library's new motion picture laboratory which is currently under construction at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio, a national information system for archives and manuscripts, possible expansion of existing intern arrangements, and other topics of mutual interest. Mr. Welsh invited the archivists to return for tours and individual conferences with members of the group to further cooperation between the two institutions.

Additional AACR 2 Institutes Held

The 12th and 13th ALA/Library of Congress AACR 2 regional institutes were held in Seattle, Wash., on May 13–15, and San Antonio, Tex., on May 17–19. Library of Congress staff participating in

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Seattle were Clark P. Lovell (Chapters 1 and 2), Ben R. Tucker (faculty leader and Chapters 3–13), Sandra J. Hawkins (Chapter 21), Oxana Horodecka (Chapter 22), Robert M. Hiatt (Chapters 23 and 24), and John R. James (Chapter 25). Catalog librarians from the Pacific Northwest and Western Canada attended the institute.

Library of Congress staff participating in San Antonio were Ben R. Tucker (Chapters 1 and 2), Judith P. Cannan (Chapters 3–13), Paul W. Winkler (Chapter 21), Oxana Horodecka (Chapter 22), Beacher J. Wiggins (Chapters 23 and 24), and Robert M. Hiatt (faculty leader and Chapter 25). Librarians from the midwest and southwest attended the institute.

In both Seattle and San Antonio, the physical arrangements were handled by William I. Bunnell, executive director, and Katherine J. Brodesser, administrative assistant, Resources and Technical Services Division, American Library Association.

Map Catalogers Meet at LC

During the week of April 27, the Library's Geography and Map Division was host to the second international meeting of the Anglo-American Cataloguing Committee for Cartographic Materials (AACCCM).

This second meeting of the AACCCM was convened for the purpose of discussing final comments and recommendations on the February draft "AACR 2 for Cartographic Materials: A Manual of Interpretation." The intent of this manual is to amplify published AACR 2 rules applicable to cartographic materials by means of expanatory notes, rule applications, national cataloging agency policy statements, and examples, where appropriate. Used as an adjunct to the published AACR 2, this manual will assist greatly in achieving standardization of map and atlas catalog records throughout the Anglo-American library community, and, it is hoped, precipitate international exchange. It is anticipated that the manual, containing some 14 chapters, 9 appendixes, a concordance, and index, will be available in early 1982. It will be published by the American Library Association.

Participants included Roger Fairclough, representing the British Cartographic Association; Sarah Tyacke, the British Library; Vivien Cartmell, Velma Parker, and Hugo Stibbe, the National Map Collection, Canada; Mary Larsgaard, the Map and Geography Roundtable of the American Library Association and the Geography and Map Division of the Special Libraries Association; Joan Winearls and Pierre Lepine, Association of Canadian Map Libraries; Myrna Fleming, the Western Association of Map Libraries; Ben Tucker and John Schroeder, Library of Congress; and Tom Delsey, National Library of Canada. Judy McQueen, liaison librarian for the National Library of Australia at the Embassy of Australia, attended the meeting as an observer. David Carrington chaired the meeting, and Barbara Christy served as recording secretary. In addition, Richard Fox and Minnie Modelski attended as special resource persons for map and atlas cataloging, respectively. The last four participants are all staff members of the Library of Congress Geography and Map Division.

Kimberly Dobbs will head Serial Record Division

Kimberly W. Dobbs has been named chief of the Serial Record Division, effective May 18. Mr. Dobbs has been assistant chief of the division since April 1979 and acting chief since last December.

Participants in the second AACCCM meeting were (sitting, left to right) Roger Fairclough, Ben Tucker, Sarah Tyacke, Vivien Cartmell, and Velma Parker; (standing, left to right) Mary Larsgaard, David Carrington, Barbara Christy, Minnie Modelski, Hugo Stibbe, John Schroeder, Joan Winearls, Myrna Fleming, Pierre Lepine, Richard Fox, and Judy McQueen.

After a three-year tour of duty with the U.S. Army, Mr. Dobbs attended the University of California at Berkeley where he received a bachelor of arts degree and a master's degree in library science.

He came to the Library of Congress in 1969 as a special recruit. For a year he worked as a government documents cataloger in the Descriptive Cataloging Division until he joined the staff of the Law Library as executive assistant in 1970. He was appointed the Law Library's Executive Officer in 1975.

Mr. Dobbs has contributed his expertise and managerial skills to numerous committees, work groups, and Library organizations, among them, the James Madison Memorial Building Planning Committee, the Planning Office's Commercial Data Base Work Group, and the Credit Union. As chief of the Serial Record Division, he will head the Library unit that has responsibility for CONSER coordination, the National Serials Data Program, and the preparation of *New Serial Titles.*

With his wife and two children, Mr. Dobbs makes his home in Reston, Va.

Francisco Aguilera Dies

LC Hispanic Specialist from 1944 to 1969

Francisco Aguilera, a critic and scholar who worked for many years in the Hispanic Foundation of the Library of Congress, died Thursday, June 11, at Sibley Memorial Hospital in Washington, D.C. He was 81.

Mr. Aguilera was born in Concepción, Chile, October 3, 1899, and received a degree in humanities from the University of Chile, where he also taught briefly. He went on to become director of secondary education at the Ministry of Education of Chile (1926–28). He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Indiana in Bloomington and a master's degree in literature from Yale University, where he taught from 1929 to 1932. He came to Washington to work as assistant director and later director of the Division of Intellectual Cooperation of the Pan American Union from 1934 to 1944. Mr. Aguilera was then appointed specialist in Hispanic culture at the Hispanic Foundation of the Library of Congress, a post he held until his retirement in 1969.

In 1942, he began recording Latin American and Iberian poets on tape, becoming the first curator of the Library of Congress Archive of Hispanic Literature on Tape, which now contains original readings by 450 authors. A number of authors such as Nobel laureates Gabriela Mistral, Juan Ramón Jimenez, Pablo Neruda, Miguel Angel Asturias, and Vicente Aleixandre, as well as such renowned writers as Jorge Luis Borges and Mario Vargas Llosa, were close friends of Mr. Aguilera, who undertook several trips to Latin America to record them for the archive through two Rockefeller Foundation grants. Mr. Aguilera also served as editor of the Library's annual bibliography *The Handbook of Latin American Studies* from 1948 to 1958.

A frequent contributor to and book reviewer for Hispanic literary journals, Francisco Aguilera wrote *Cervantes at the Library of Congress* in 1963 and co-authored several Latin American literary anthologies with Henry Grattan Doyle. He was an instructor at George Washington and American Universities and was visiting professor of Hispanic American poetry at the University of Wisconsin in Madison in 1966. A published poet, Aguilera translated into Spanish the epic poem "The Conquistador" by Archibald MacLeish, Librarian of Congress from 1939 to 1944.

Francisco Aguilera was a member of the Cosmos Club, a founding member of the International Institute of Ibero-American Literature and of the Academy of American Franciscan History. He was the recipient of a number of important international awards, among these, the Orden del Sol of Peru and the Orden del Merito Civil of Spain.

The family suggests that expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Washington, D.C. He leaves no immediate survivors.

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STAFF NEWS

84 Staffers Receive Affirmative Action Fellowships

A total of 84 staff members have been awarded Affirmative Action fellowships of up to $1,200 per year for two years toward meeting their educational expenses. The awardees will receive intensive individual professional development counseling as they progress in their respective fields.

The recipients of the fellowship were recently photographed on the steps of the Library. Those employees who were present are shown above.

Barbara Allen
Janish Anderson
Adriane Bailey
Ruby Ballard
Elizabeth Battle
Welton Belsches
William Branch
Carolyn Buchanan
Reba Burruss
Laura Christian
Karen Christopher
Ardith Coe
Carolyn Colbert
Pamela Dragovich
Jospehine Drew
Mildred Dyson
Jane Englund
Irina Fatiadi
Jackie Fowler
Louis Francis
Beverly Hall
Consuella Hardy
Hanery Hargrove
Iris Herndon
Angela Herron
Elizabeth Hoover
Eunice Jackson
Marsha Jackson
Ronald Jackson
Paulette Jew
Edward Jewell
Rebecca Johnson
Pangeeta Kerr
Gladys Kimbrough
Catherine Korzan
Susan Larson
Karen Lawry
Irene LeCourt
Daphine Lee
Orrel Lencho
John Lewis
Terrie Matthews
Sherralyn McCoy
Susan Meinheit
Cheryl Mobley
Raymond Morse
Juile Moury
Talma Newsome-Blake
David Nieto
Edmond Pears
Julie Pettross
Mary Pilote
Dovie Randall
Ray Richardson
Elizabeth Rinn
Ronald Roache
Laura Robinson
Oscar Scott
Robert Shields
Gail Shirazi
Murray Simmons
Carol Smalls
Starr Smith
Stephanie Spearman
Ervin Spivey
Edith Stewart
Anne Stevens
Gloria Stovall
Richard Strick
Donna Thacker
Leon Turner
Alvin Wallace
John Watson
Shirley Williams
Katherine Wise
Mary Wolfe
Josephine Young
Elena Zahirpour

Not pictured are Gwenell Bass, Ricardo Fisher, William Hogan, Sheila Morris, Charles Rogers, and Edgar Sheppard.

Myron Weinstein Named Head of the Hebraic Section

Myron M. Weinstein has been promoted to the position of head of the Hebraic Section in the African and Middle Eastern Division.

A graduate of City College of New York, Mr. Weinstein holds a master's degree in Semitic languages and literatures from Columbia University. He is a specialist in Hebrew manuscripts, documents, and rare books and the author of a study on a Hebrew Quran manuscript held by the Library.

In his 26 years with the Library, Mr. Weinstein has held progressively responsible positions in the Hebraic Section, serving since May 1980 as acting head.

Personnel Changes

Appointments: Gilbert Miller, legal information technician (trainee), GS–4, LL O, 00848; Ernest J. Parent, Jr., editorial clerk, GS–4, Desc Cat, 10145.

Temporary Appointments: William Anderson, analyst in economics, GS–7, CRS E, NP; Audrey Green, reference clerk, GS–3, CRS MCR, NP; Juanita Middleton, paralegal assistant, GS–5, Pers, NP.

Reappointment: Hilary Lord, studio engineer, GT–5, M/B/RS, 10068.

Temporary Reappointments: Darlene Foster, filer trainee, GS–3, Cop Acq & Proc, NP; Kim Newman, correspondence clerk, GS–3, Cop Exam, NP.

Promotion: Theodore Butler, Inf, to legal information technician (trainee), GS–4, LL O 00848.

Resignations: Lynn Arsht, Proc; Virginia Lee, CIP; Pamela Littreal, FRD; Kathleen Martin, CRS C; Jennifer Sarin, Desc Cat; Vincent Spigone, Bldgs; Sheila Walsh, Proc S/N/AP.

Staff Activities

Georgette M. Dorn, specialist in Hispanic culture and head of the Reference Section, and **Everette E. Larson,** reference librarian, both of the Hispanic Division, were both awarded Ph. D. degees in ceremonies held in May. Mrs. Dorn received her degree in history from Georgetown University on May 24. The title of her dissertation was "Idealism versus Reality: The Failure of an Argentine Liberal Leader, Lisandro de la Torre." Mr. Larson received his degree in Romance Semitic studies from The Catholic University of America on May 16. The title of his dissertation was "A Study of the *Confusión de la secta mahomática* of Juan Andrés."

Effective June 1, the **information desks in the Jefferson and Madison Buildings** are operating on slightly reduced hours of service. The Madison Building information desk is staffed from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. It is closed all other times.

The Jefferson Building information and sales desk is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday and Saturday, and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Richard Evenson, project coordinator, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, recently received a master's degree in library science from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. Mr. Evenson earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average in his course work for this degree.

Dorothy J. Glasby, CONSER operations coordinator in the Serial Record Divison, was one of the speakers at the third annual conference of the United Kingdom Serials Group held at the University of Manchester, March 30–April 1. The conference theme was "Resource Sharing" and Mrs. Glasby reported on a number of cooperative activities concerning serials which are under way in the United States. While in England, Mrs. Glasby and her husband attended a reception held in London in honor of Joel Downing upon the occasion of his retirement from the British Library after 45 years in librarianship. Mrs. Glasby, representing Mr. Downing's many friends and colleagues in the Library of Congress, presented him with a copy of the *Treasures of the Library of Congress* and a signed scroll expressing appreciation and good wishes.

Floyd D. Hedrick, chief, Procurement and Supply Division, presented a paper "Evaluating Purchasing Performance" at the 66th International Purchasing Conference held in New Orleans, La., on May 17–20.

Joseph H. Howard, Assistant Librarian for Processing Services, delivered a paper on the Library of Congress union catalog experience at the University of Toronto on May 22. Mr. Howard's speech was part of a two-day international symposium on the union catalog. Other speakers included Margaret Beckman, Thomas Delsey, James Govan, William Kurmey, Susan Martin, Jean Plaister, Samuel Rothstein, and Stephen Salmon. *(continued on back page)*

Springfest Held

The Library of Congress Cooking Club held its annual Spring Party on Saturday, May 16, in the Buffet Dining Room of the Madison Building. The party, coordinated by Mary Ann Ferrarese, was attended by over 70 current and retired Library staff members and their invited guests.

The buffet featured hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and desserts of Mediterranean origin, all of which were prepared by club members. The menu, planned by Lee Decker, Floris Flam, and Kristin Vajs, included borek, keftaidakia, pidoni, pissaldiere, tirotrigona, hommos, cold salmon foam, fagioli con tonno, eggplant caviar, and stuffed grape leaves. The food was served with lemon-strawberry punch and white sangria. Desserts were melopita, almond cookes, and Italian fruit compote.

Entertainment was provided by Joseph C. Hickerson, with a special guest appearance by Kathy Hickerson. The performers sang a variety of American folk songs, often asking the audience to join in. Other members of the Cooking Club assisting in the planning of the Spring Party included Ann Carpenter, Elena Zahirpour, Sherry Shapiro, John and Jacquelyn Reamy, and Maurvene Williams, the club's president.

Ten Most Wanted Books

The following books have disappeared from the general collections, leaving no traces in the central charge file. Staff members are asked to check their work areas to make sure that they are not guilty of harboring one of these runaways. Any misplaced books may be sent to Sherlock Searcher, Collections Management Division, LJ G104F.

Adams, Andrew.
Ninja, The Invisible Assassins. 1970.
UB271.J3A63

Chapelle, Howard Irving.
Boatbuilding. 1941. VM144.C27

Cole, Norman.
CIA, Stranger Than Fiction. 1962. JK468.I6C6

Doughtery, James E.
Contending Theories of International Relations. 1971. JX1395.D67

Garten, Max Otto.
The Health Secrets of a Naturopathic Doctor. 1967. RZ440.G34

Government by Gunplay . . . 1976. E842.9.G65

Kleinschmidt, Beda.
Die Heilige Anna. 1930. BT685.K5

Paddock, William.
We Don't Know How. 1973. HC60.P22

Record, Wilson.
Race and Radicalism. 1964. E185.5.N276R4

Weiss, Carol H.
Evaluating Action Programs. 1972. H62.W396

Miklos K. Radvanyi, senior legal specialist in the European Law Division, delivered a lecture on May 5 for the Congressional Interns entitled "International Problems Facing the United States." Dr. Radvanyi also appeared on the "Jeffrey St. John Talk Show" on WRC Radio in Washington, D.C., on May 19, 1981, and answered questions on the topic "Is the United States ready for a leadership change in the Soviet Union?"

John C. Williams, former preservation research officer in the Preservation Office, is the editor of a recent book entitled *Preservation of Paper and Textiles of Historic and Artistic Value II.* The book is based on a symposium that was sponsored by the Cellulose, Paper, and Textile Division at the 178th meeting of the American Chemical Society in Washington, D.C., on September 10–12, 1979. Several staff members from the Preservation Office contributed to the work including restoration officer **Peter Waters,** chemists **George B. Kelly, Jr., Lucia C. Tang,** physical science technologist **Adrian C. Sclawy,** and Mr. Williams. The book, which is printed on permanent, alkaline paper, is available from the American Chemical Society sales office, 1155 16th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, at a cost of $44.75 per copy.

Virginia S. Wood, reference librarian in the Local History and Genealogy Reading Room, General Reading Rooms Division, presented an illustrated lecture on "Live Oaking for Ships Timber" before the North Atlantic Society for Oceanic History (NASOH) on April 26. Hosts for the two-day conference were Cleveland State University, the Cleveland Foundation, and the Great Lakes Historical Society in Vermillion, Ohio. On May 1–3, she attended the ninth annual symposium on American maritime history sponsored by the Maine Maritime Museum at Bath. Ms. Wood presented a talk on "Early Georgia Land Records" in Atlanta at the National Genealogical Society's First Conference in the States. The meeting was held May 7–9 in cooperation with the Georgia Genealogical Society.

Announcements

Sharon Hagey and **Daniel Broderick** were married on Saturday, May 9, at St. Philip's Catholic Church in Camp Springs, Md. Mrs. Broderick is a senior accounting clerk in the Photoduplication Service, and Mr. Broderick is employed in the Central Services Division. The couple resides in Suitland, Md.

Sharon and Alan Horowitz are the parents of a son, Daniel Israel, born on May 20 at Columbia Hospital for Women in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Horowitz is a descriptive cataloger of Hebrew materials in the Descriptive Cataloging Division. Mr. Horowitz is an attorney in the Solicitor General's Office of the Justice Department.

APPENDIX I

Oral History and the Printed Word

A Report on Recent Center for the Book Activities

by John Y. Cole, Executive Director

The Center for the Book uses all media to promote books and the printed word. This spring, it held two meetings and sponsored one project that emphasized, in different ways, the vital role of the spoken word as testimony for history and as source material for books.

Rooted in America: A Panel Discussion

In conjunction with the William E. Wiener Oral History Library of the American Jewish Committee, the Center for the Book sponsored "Rooted in America," a May 13 panel discussion among three well-known personalities from the world of the performing arts who have recorded their memoirs for the Wiener Library. The panelists were Jerome Weidman, novelist and playwright (*I Can Get It for You Wholesale* and *Fiorello*); composer and lyricist Sylvia Fine, wife of Danny Kaye; and opera and concert star Jan Peerce. Author and NBC radio and television commentator Edwin Newman was moderator. Washington attorney Marcus Cohn, a member of the boards of both the Wiener Library and the Center for the Book, introduced the program, which took place in the Coolidge Auditorium and was videotaped for the Library's archives.

The three panelists—children of immigrant Jews—responded to questions about growing up in New York City and about their early careers. Mr. Peerce, who recorded his memoirs for the Wiener Library in 1973 and then published them (*The Blue Bird of Happiness*, Harper & Row, 1976), also sang two songs from "Fiddler on the Roof." Miss Fine treated the audience to the patter song "Ludwig von Stickwitz," which she wrote for Danny Kaye. Mr. Weidman, who recorded his memoirs in 1976, told anecdotes about writers, publishers, and the theater, including how a then unknown Barbra Streisand forced her way into a rehearsal and then received a part in his musical *I Can Get It for You Wholesale*.

An exhibit illustrating the tape-to-type process supplemented the program. The featured item—shown in tape cassette, transcript, and book form—was *Voices from the Holocaust* (New American Library, 1981), a volume based on 250 oral memoirs of holocaust survivors taped for the Wiener Library. The book edited by Sylvia Rothchild and introduced by Elie Wiesel, is a recent Book-of-the-Month Club alternate selection.

American Library Leadership: An Oral History Proposal

On May 21, the Center for the Book sponsored a planning meeting of an ad hoc committee of the American Library Association's Library History Round Table. Phyllis Dain of the School of Library Service, Columbia University, chaired the session, at which the committee developed a proposal for an oral history project about the history of American librarianship. The proposal will be presented to the executive committee of the Library History Round Table at its meeting on June 30 at the ALA Annual Conference. The project will focus on American library leadership, initially concentrating on major figures in the American Library Association. A concurrent effort will identify previous oral history projects throughout the field of librarianship. Other

Moderator Edwin Newman and panelists Jerome Weidman, Sylvia Fine, and Jan Peerce were the participants in the "Rooted in America" program.

Elizabeth Mason

Phyllis Dain

elements of the proposal discussed at the meeting included the project's relationship to the ALA Archives at the University of Illinois-Urbana, its funding and budget, the allocation of work, and the need to begin with a pilot project. Attending the meeting were Doris Cruger Dale of Southern Illinois University of Carbondale, who is chair-elect of the Library History Round Table, Joel Lee of the American Library Association, Elizabeth Mason, acting director of the Columbia University Oral History Office, Arthur Young of the University of Alabama Library, and John Y. Cole.

The need for a planned, systematic oral history project about American librarianship has been apparent to the Library History Round Table for several years. At the 1980 ALA Annual Conference, the round table held a lively meeting on "Library History and Oral History" with Elizabeth Mason, John Richardson of the School of Library and Information Science, University of California at Los Angeles, and Laurel Grotzinger of the School of Librarianship, Western Michigan University. The positive response to this program led to the creation of the ad hoc committee and plans for an informal panel discussion on "Leaders in American Academic Librarianship, 1925–1975: An Experience in Oral History," also to be held at the ALA Annual Conference on June 30. This meeting will be chaired by Wayne Wiegand of the College of Library Science, University of Kentucky, who has directed a recent oral history project that included interviews with many well-known academic library leaders.

Books Make a Difference

Gordon A. Sabine of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, who conducted an oral history project for the Center for the Book during the past year (see the LC *Information Bulletin* for May 29, pp. 177–80), has written a manuscript based on his experience. Traveling throughout the United States, Mr. Sabine tape-recorded over 500 responses to two questions: What book made the greatest difference in your life and what was that difference? The responses form the bulk of his manuscript, which is titled "What America Reads: The Books That Made the Difference." A trade publisher is being sought by Mr. Sabine for his work.

Books Make a Difference has received substantial attention in the press lately. *U.S. News and World Report* featured an interview with Gordon Sabine ("People Who Censor Books Are Censoring Other People") in its June 1 issue. *Publishers Weekly* described the project in detail in an article ("Books That Changed Their Lives") on May 6. Other descriptions have appeared in articles about the Center for the Book in the June/July issue of *Coda: Poets and Writers Newsletter* ("A Renaissance for Books"), in the June 1 issue of the *Chronicle on Higher Education* ("To Keep the Book Flourishing"), and in the March-April issue of *Authors Guild Bulletin* ("Center for the Book Says Books Make a Difference.")

Gordon A. Sabine (right) conducts an interview for the "Books Make a Difference" project.

APPENDIX II

A Report on the Fourth Meeting of the Association of Bibliographic Agencies Of Britain, Australia, Canada, and the United States

National Library of Australia, August 25–27, 1980

ABACUS (Association of Bibliographic Agencies of Britain, Australia, Canada, and the United States) held its fourth meeting at the National Library of Australia on August 25–27, 1980. The participants, who met to discuss matters of international cooperation in cataloging and the exchange of bibliographic data in machine-readable form, included representatives of the British Library (Peter R. Lewis and Joel C. Downing), the Library of Congress (Henriette D. Avram and Lucia J. Rather), the National Library of Canada (Edwin J. Buchinski), and the host, the National Library of Australia (Judith A. D. Baskin, Jan L. Fullerton, Warwick S. Cathro, Peter R. Haddad, and Diana B. Dack).

A main topic of discussion centered around each country's broad plans for implementing the second edition of the *Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules* (AACR 2) and agency decisions taken on several critical areas of rule interpretation where the code itself presents either options or no specific direction.

The Library of Congress confirmed its announced implementation date of January 2, 1981, for AACR 2. The preparatory name authority work in identifying and coding approximately 200,000 potential AACR 2 or AACR 2-compatible records was explained, as was the intention to flip the name authority records identified on November 15 to the AACR 2 form to provide the starting point for the Library's new catalog. The Library plans to develop a computer program to process bibliographic records against this name authority file in order to update headings on the bibliographic records and redistribute them.

Similar implementation strategies, pegged on January 2 starting times, were announced by the National Library of Canada and the British Library. *Canadiana* was to carry AACR 2 records with the first issue of 1981. An authority record flip comparable to that of the Library of Congress was planned for November 1980, and the bibliographic file will subsequently be run against the authority file to produce revised bibliographic records.

In addition to January 2 implementation, the British Library (BL) announced a new microfiche service, the BLAISE Name Authority List, to begin last autumn, with six 1981 updates envisioned. BL also plans to redistribute machine-readable bibliographic record affected by AACR 2 and is additionally offering a one-time machine-readable name conversion file of about 10,000 pairs of headings in AACR 2 and AACR 1 form to assist further conversion of backfiles.

The National Library of Australia, which adopted AACR 2 for internal use on March 31, 1980, began to use AACR 2 formally in January, as did the *Australian National Bibliography*. Since there is as yet no automated system in place for the distribution of new headings, update information is disseminated in printed form (*ROD News*) or on microfiche.

In the area of specific rule interpretations, agreement or near agreement was reached on several major points. The fuller form of name (Rule 22.16) will generally be added to initials, even when no conflict exists, where this information is readily available. There was similar concurrence in the addition of easily available dates to personal names (Rule 22.18). Reference sources will be used in establishing names of persons working in nonverbal or multiple contexts, while the form of name of persons known as authors will be determined from the chief source of information. The British Library differs from the other three participants on the question of determining the most common form of name (Rule 22.2A), preferring the latest form used by living authors rather than the form used most frequently. All discussants agreed that mechanisms be developed to alert ABACUS members to conflicting forms of heading.

Discussions of corporate headings within AACR 2 centered on the addition of qualifiers to place and corporate names in situations of conflict and in cases where the heading becomes more meaningful or identifiable. All participants add such qualifiers, but potential problem areas were identified where qualifiers are used liberally—especially intergovernmental bodies and firms.

The desirability of establishing a common thesaurus for geographic names was discussed. Lack of a standard authoritative list in the United Kingdom and Australia is a problem, as is the Library of Congress decision to deviate in some instances from the forms approved by the Board on Geographic Names (BGN). ABACUS, in the interests of universal bibliographical control, resolved to recommend to the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) and to its Office of Universal Bibliographic Control (UBC) that the use of BGN as a universal base be investigated.

Unanimity was reached that the unique serial title identifier is not a new concept in cataloging, but rather an extension of the use of uniform titles. It

therefore fits within existing cataloging practices in the framework of AACR 2, and is not an external addition. All participants agreed that a unique title construct was not to be applied in anticipation of a conflict, only to the resolution of one. Participants' plans for serials in respect to various levels of cataloging allowed under AACR 2 were then reviewed.

The cataloging of microforms, a particularly difficult chapter in the evolution of AACR 2, was discussed. The Library of Congress is advocating revision of Chapter 11 to restore the treatment afforded microforms under AACR 1 (the original being described in the body of the entry and microform information given in a note). The British Library, noting the deliberate stand taken by the rulemakers, proposes to follow Chapter 11 as written. The Canadians and Australians are temporarily reserving judgment.

Other AACR 2-related problem areas touched upon were the rule interpretations allowing entry of cartographic materials under corporate author; various filing problems relating especially to initial articles and the havoc they cause in automated systems (new and similar filing codes are to be instituted by most participants, but the desirability of a uniform code was affirmed, and the work of the International Organization for Standards in establishing filing principles was noted); and finally the inclusion of parallel information in all elements of the body of the entry, a particular concern of the National Library of Canada in its cataloging of bilingual publications.

Progress reports were given on the smooth implementation of the 19th edition of *Dewey Decimal Classification*, and cooperation among libraries in influencing subject headings included in *Library of Congress Subject Headings* was briefly discussed. Cooperation in subject headings needs much further study.

MARC format changes related to AACR 2 have fueled the issuance of new MARC manuals. Compatibility among UKMARC, AUSMARC, CANMARC, and LCMARC is a problem, and it is hoped that UNIMARC will offer a partial solution.

The desirability of exchanging authority records was affirmed, and in this context the recommended exchange agreement of the International MARC Network Study: Steering Committee was discussed. This agreement, through various clauses concerning copyright use and distribution restrictions, allows each agency to use or modify as required other agencies' MARC records within its own country. The national agencies, at the Conference of Directors of National Libraries held in Manila at the IFLA meeting, agreed to adopt this model bilateral agreement.

The status and plans for MARC files in the nonbook media were considered. Each agency's scope of collecting and cataloging responsibility in this area varies, and coverage of these types of materials differs.

Other items on the agenda for discussion included (1) romanization of Chinese (each agency confirmed its policy: the Library of Congress follows Wade-Giles, the British Library, Pinyin); (2) the establishment of an International MARC Office, to be governed by IFLA, and advised by the present International MARC Network Steering Committee; (3) international standards for CIP (Cataloging in Publication); (4) the IFLA report on the form and structure of corporate headings, and how this document might be related to the AACR 2 treatment of corporate headings; (5) the development of common library protocols for use in computer-to-computer links; and (6) concern about limiting future catalog code revisions.

The next meeting of ABACUS, to be held in London this August, will deal with government publications, the use and problems of AACR 2, the exchange of machine-readable information, authority files and their exchange, and subject headings.

A summary of major resolutions and recommendations from the 1980 meeting were (1) that mechanisms to alert ABACUS members to conflicting AACR 2 forms of heading be discussed at the next ABACUS meeting; (2) that in the interests of universal bibliographic control, ABACUS resolved to recommend to IFLA and the UBC Office, the use of BGN be investigated as the base authority file for geographic names; (3) that at the request of the Library of Congress, ABACUS participants give further consideration to the problem of filing of initial articles; (4) that ABACUS examine the filing principles currently being established by ISO and investigate the possibility of a uniform filing code; (5) that ABACUS recommend to the JSCAACR Canada's proposed additions for the description of bilingual publications, as optional additions under AACR 2; (6) that subject headings be further examined, and discussed at the next meeting; (7) that at the request of the Library of Congress, ABACUS participants examine IFLA's report on the form and structure of corporate headings as a possible supplement to AACR 2 and consider members' views on this document at the next ABACUS meeting; (8) that progress reports on the problems of implementing AACR 2 be given at the next ABACUS meeting, the reports being circulated well in advance to enable consideration; and (9) that research in automation and standard bibliographic application protocols be shared by ABACUS members, with each library taking responsibility for specific projects to avoid duplication of work and effort.

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